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SUBJ: IRAQ NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE

1. DESPITE OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN INOC BULLETING THAT IRAQ HAD REJECTED OAPEC DECISION TO LIFT OIL EMBARGO AGAINST HOLLAND, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED DUTCH CHARGE THAT EMBARGO NOW LIFTED AND GOI HOPED FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. CHARGE INDICATED TO ME THAT HIS GOVT MAY NOW SEND NEW AMBASSADOR.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY IN PROCESS OF EXPANDING AND NEW AMBASSADOR JOHN GRAHAM (FORMERLY HEAD OF CHANCERY IN WASHINGTON) SCHEDULED FOR EARLY OCTOBER ARRIVAL.

3. NEW FRG AMBASSADOR NOT YET NAMED DESPITE FACT IRAQI AMBASSADOR TAYEB SHIBIB ALREADY IN BONN. FRG
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CHARGE IS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT POSSIBLE ADVERSE GOI

REACTION TO FRG PROCRASTINATION.

4. FRENCH AMBASSADOR CERLES, WHO HAS JUST COMPLETED
ROUND OF CALLS ON SELECTED MINISTERS BEFORE DEPARTING ON
LEAVE, TOLD ME SEVERAL MINISTERS MADE POINT THAT GOI
WISHED TO HAVE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES EXCEPT
ISRAEL. ALTHOUGH U S SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, HE HAD IMPRESSION
THAT TIME NOT YET PROPITIOUS FOR RESUMPTION WITH U S .
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